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Dear Sir and Madam:

I am writing you this letter to share how appalled I am with the voting system used in Canada and our politicians. Most Canadians have backgrounds from other countries and realize how important it is to learn the language and amalgamate with the people. We obviously left these countries for a reason to start a new life in Canada. Many of our politicians however both federally and provincially are selling Canada out from under us to the USA without a mandate from the people.

To make a long story short if we had Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) voting system many of the things done both federally and provincially would be stopped. British Columbia would have an opposition in government and there would be a balanced representation not only for the wealthy! Where does the democratic rights of Canadians come in; as soon as the politicians have been voted in they receive political amnesia forgetting their promises that got them into office?

If the government is really thinking of the best for the country then they will know that changing the voting system to MMP is essential to represent all the people! However if this does not go through we the people will know that it was just to cover up to pretend they were willing to look into the voting system and choosing to ignoring Canadian's rights. I hope and pray that this new voting system comes in before the governments have sold us completely out from coast to coast. I am proudly Canadian and hope never to hear on our airwaves "My fellow Americans!"

Respectfully submitted,

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